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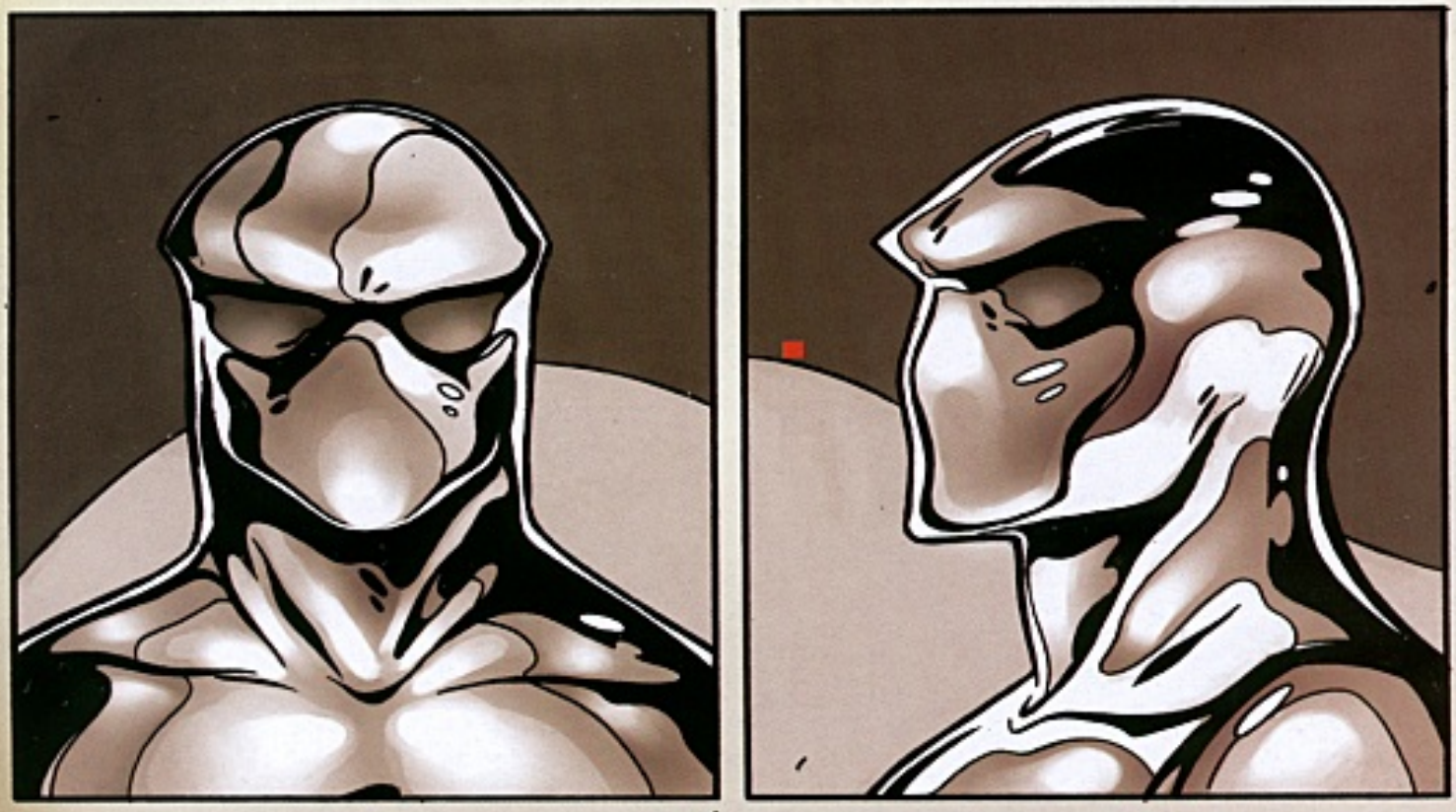

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A SELF-AWARE ADVANCED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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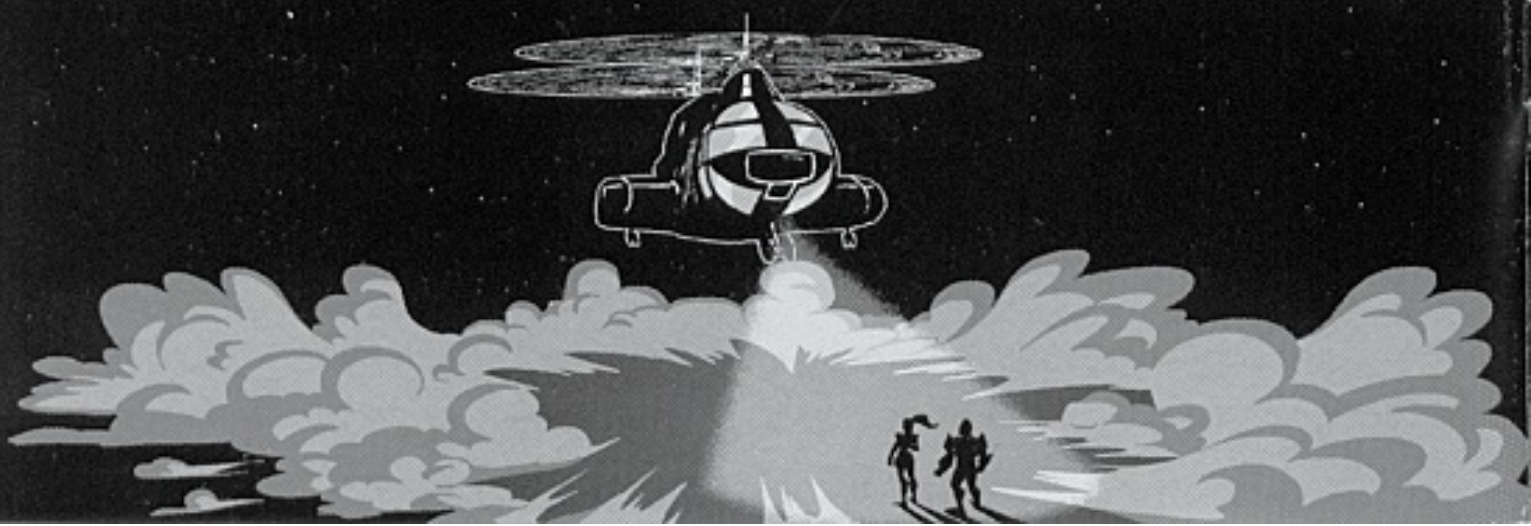
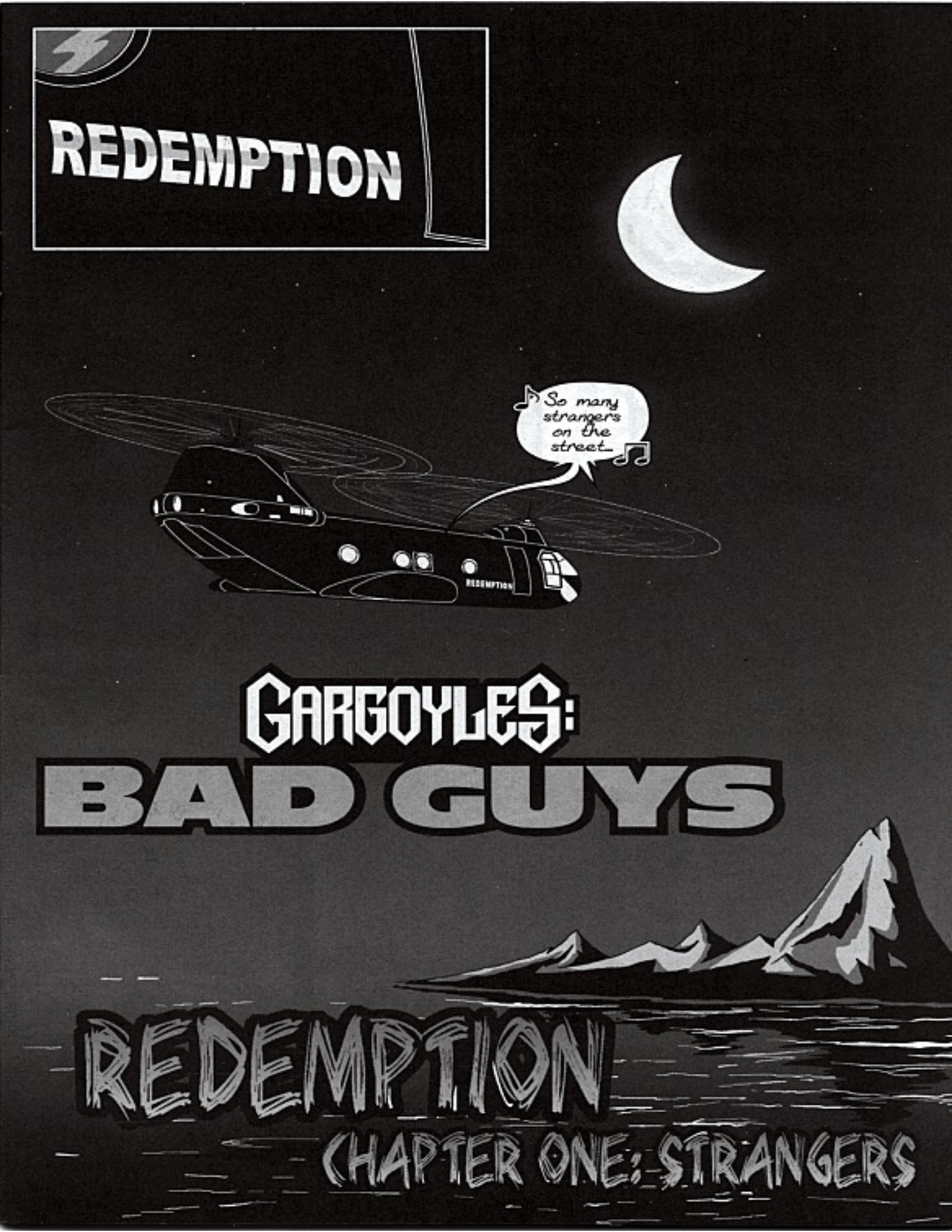
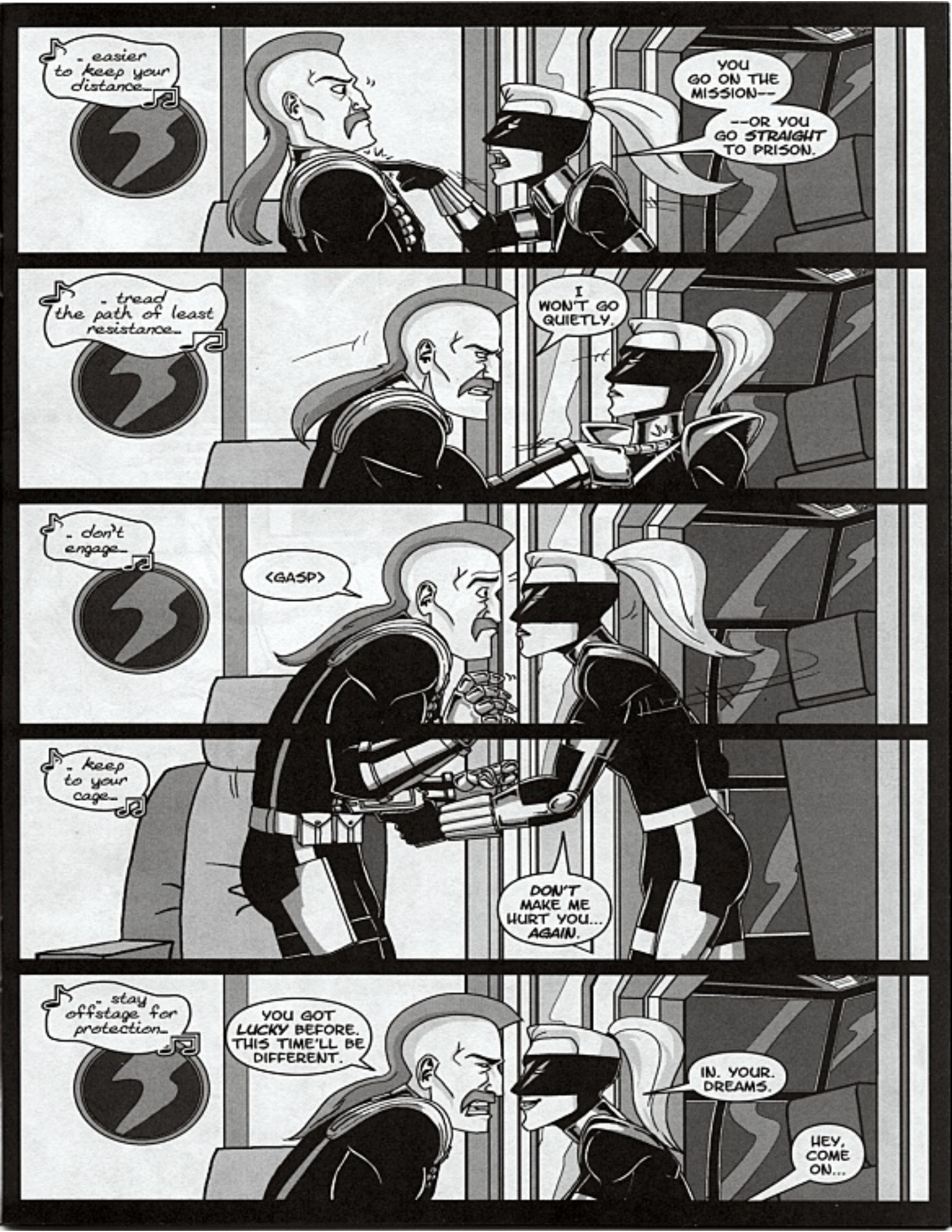


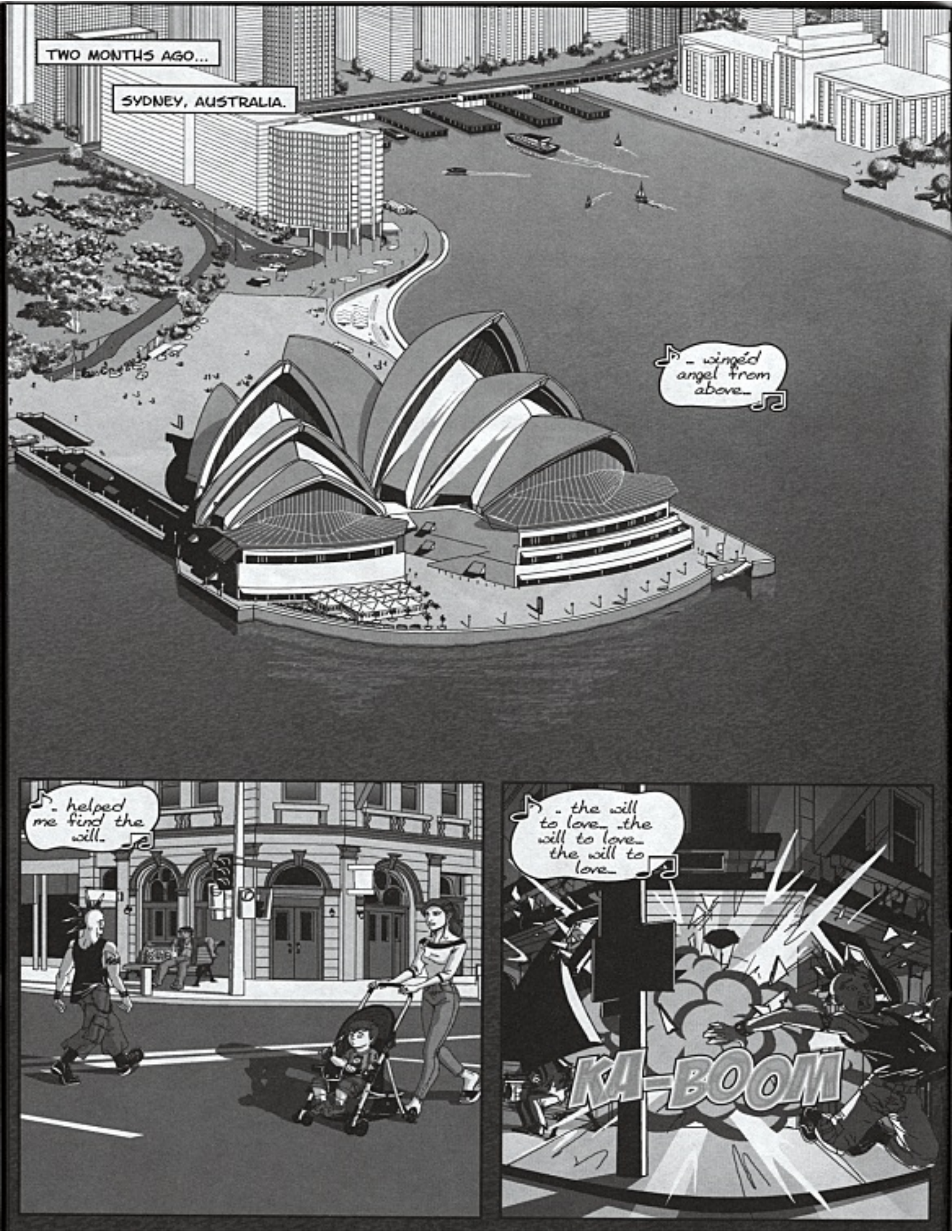

REDEMPTION
So many strangers on the street...
REDEMPTION
GARGOYLES:
BAD GUYS
REDEMPTION
CHAPTER ONE: STRANGERS

- yeah, nearly everone you meet-
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'S RISKING OUR CANS AGAIN.
WE BARELY SURVIVED THE LAST TIME.
- can't relate-
SHE MUST FIGURE ME FOR SOME KIND OF CHUMP!
- can't translate-
THAT'S IT! I QUIT!
- can't create a connection- no-
AUTOPILOT ENGAGED
THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING ON ANOTHER SUICIDE MISSION--


- easier to keep your distance-
YOU GO ON THE MISSION--
--OR YOU GO STRAIGHT TO PRISON.
- tread the path of least resistance-
I WON'T GO QUIETLY.
- don't engage-
<GASP>
- keep to your cage-
DON'T MAKE ME HURT YOU... AGAIN.
- stay offstage for protection-
YOU GOT LUCKY BEFORE. THIS TIME'LL BE DIFFERENT.
IN. YOUR. DREAMS.
HEY, COME ON...

- then everything changes...
.. WHY DON'T YOU TWO GO PARK SOMEWHERE AND GET COZY...
- she's there. life rearranges...
.. YOU'RE STEAMING UP THE PORTHOLES!
- winged angel from a---
EXCUSE ME, HUNTER...
DO YOU THINK THE TARGET KNOWS WE'RE COMING?
EEEE EEEE EEEE EEEE
I'LL TAKE THAT AS A BIG "YES"!

REDEMPTION


TWO MONTHS AGO...
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.
~ winged angel from above~
~ helped me find the will~
~ the will to love~ the will to love~ the will to love~
KA-BOOM

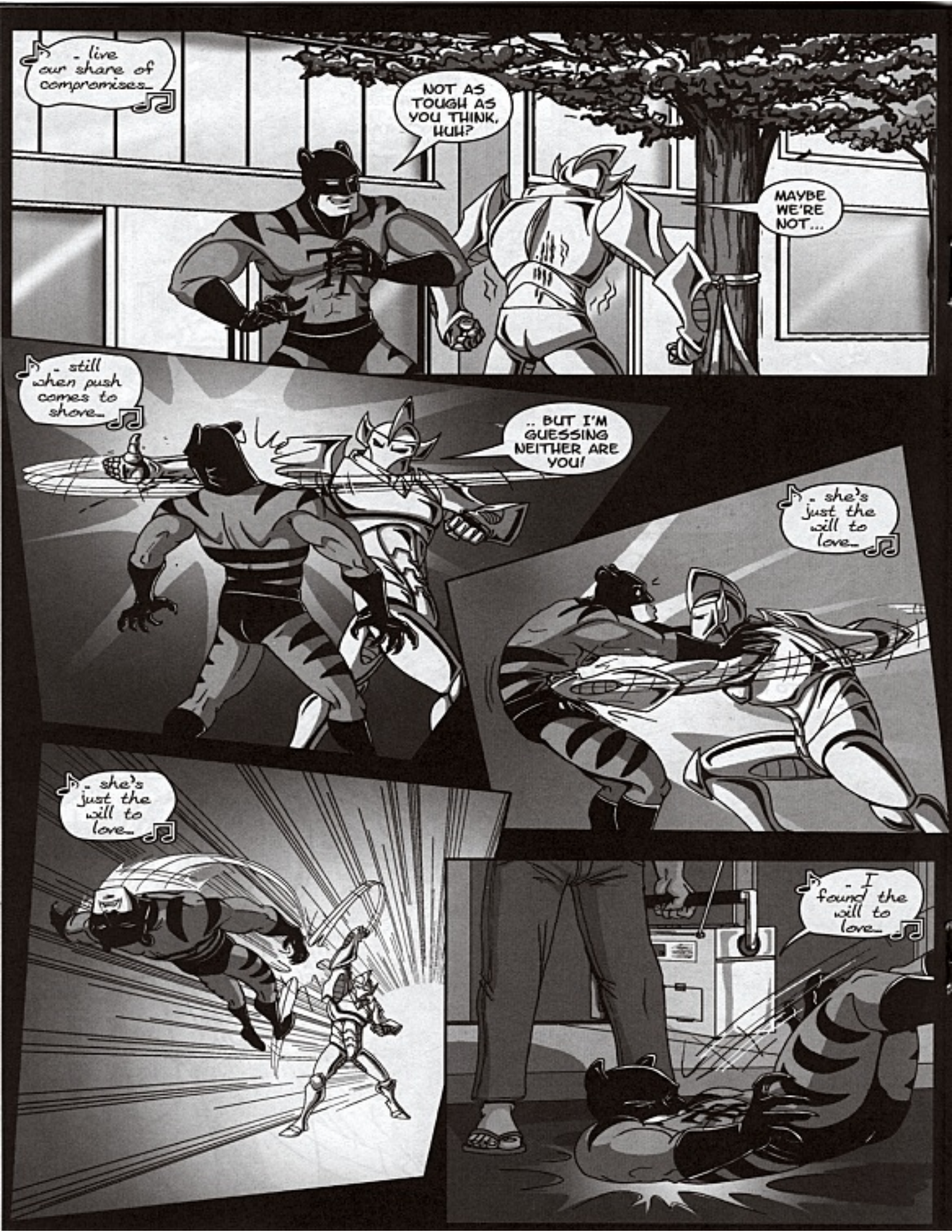
♪- I figured I'd stay on the shelf-♪
♪- truth be told-♪
GRRR
NO SUDDEN MOVES, MATE...
.. OR YOU'LL END UP THYLACINE CHOW.
<ULP>
♪- didn't trust myself-♪
CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'RE THE FIRST TO BEHOLD--
--THE TAZMANIAN TIGER!

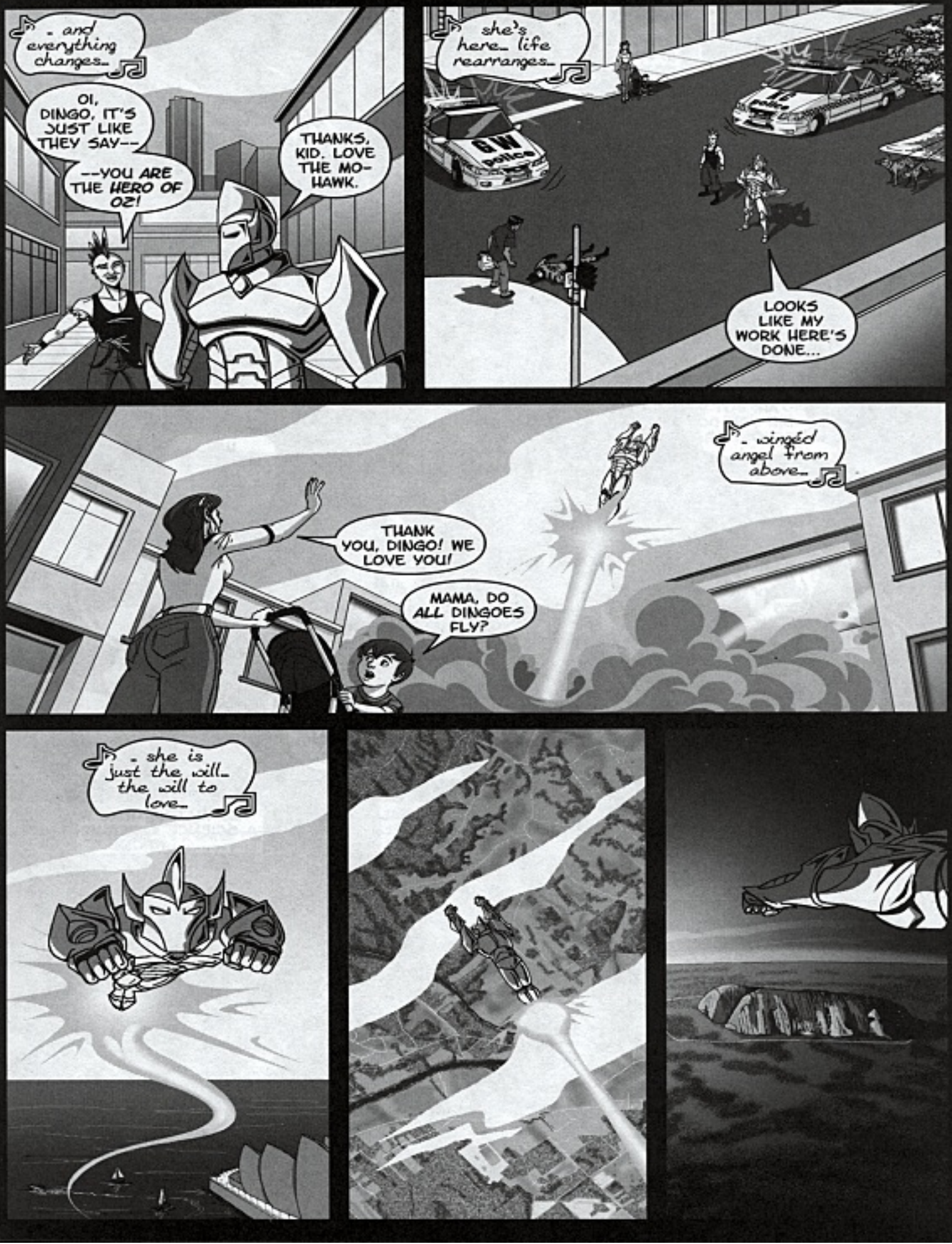
LOOK!
UP IN THE AIR!
IT'S A GIANT KOOKA-BURRA!
IT'S A BLOODY MISSILE!
- always fade-
- don't make the grade-
IT'S
DINGO!
- too afraid of rejection- oh-

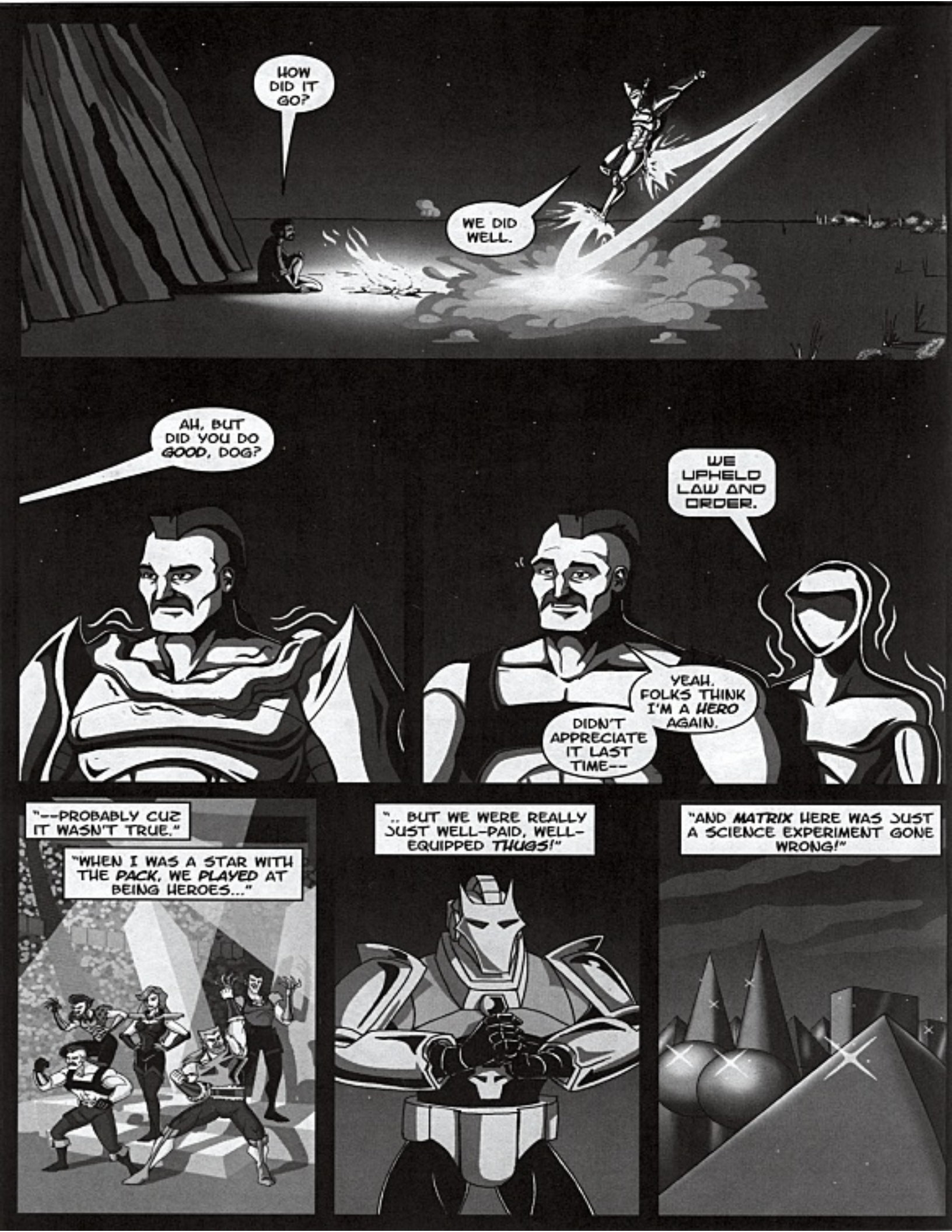
♪ I didn't think I had the strength ♪
NICE SHOT.
♪ to find a girl on my wave-length ♪
MY TURN?
NOT YET, MATE!
BENJAMIN! NATASHA! ATTACK!!
♪ just a runt ♪
♪ always punt ♪
THEY'VE BEEN EXTINCT FOR SIXTY YEARS--
--SO YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW HUNGRY THEY ARE!

- no will to hunt for perfection...
DOESN'T MEAN THEY CAN CHEW THROUGH ARMOR, YOU TASMANIAC!
- then everything changes...
ESPECIALLY, NOT THIS ARMOR!
GRRRRR
YIPE
- she's there...
GO EASY ON 'EM, MATRIX!
- life rearranges...
IF YOU THINK IT BEST.

- winged angel from above helped me find the will...
YEAH, WELL... DON'T KNOW WHERE HE DUG UP TWO EXTINCT TAZZIE TIGERS--
- the will to love... the will to love... the will to love...
--BUT I KNOW WE DON'T WANT TO HURT 'EM.
- game's full of surprises...
MIGHTY CHARITABLE OF YA', MATE!
AHHHHH


- live our share of compromises...
NOT AS TOUGH AS YOU THINK, HUH?
MAYBE WE'RE NOT...
- still when push comes to shove...
.. BUT I'M GUESSING NEITHER ARE YOU!
- she's just the will to love...
- she's just the will to love...
- I found the will to love...

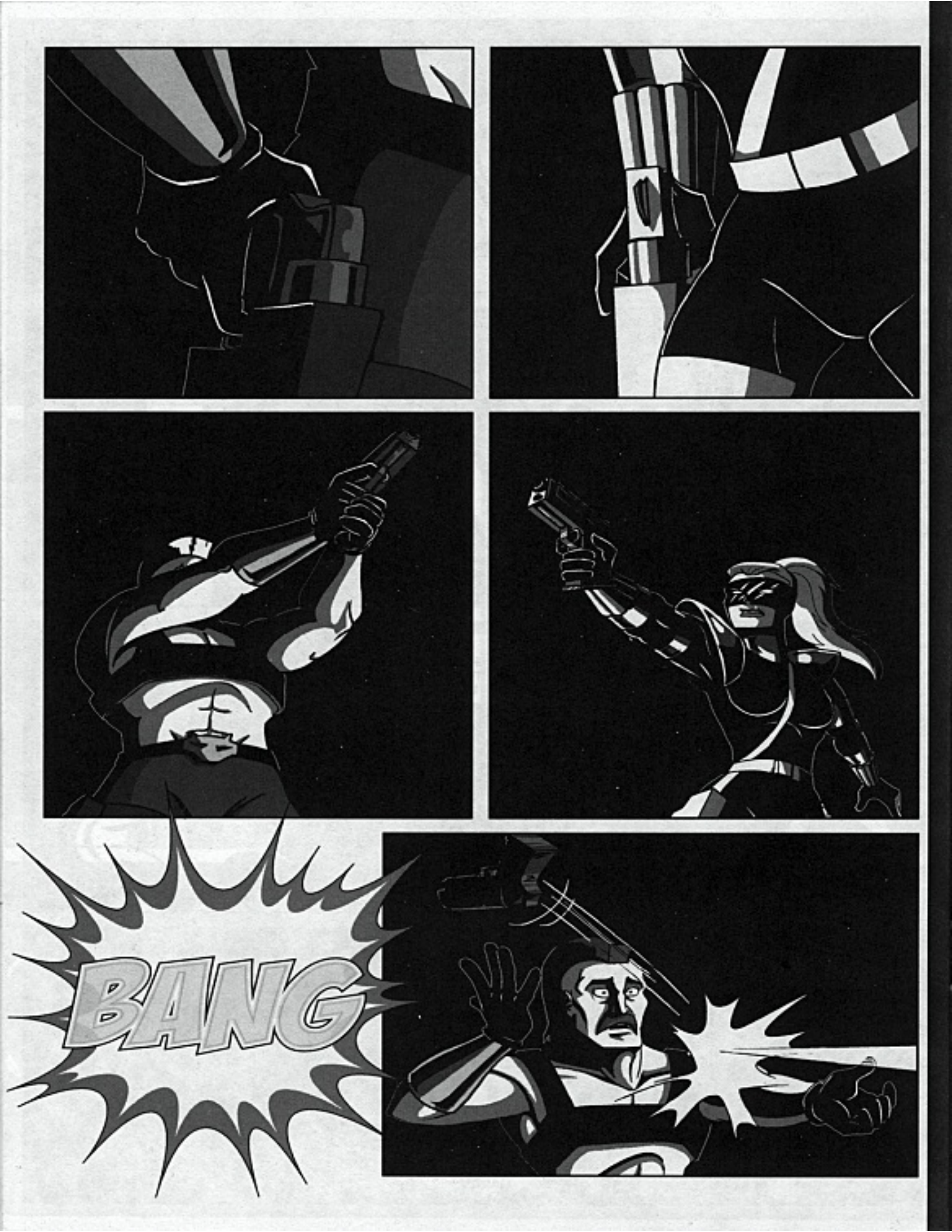

- and everything changes-
OI, DINGO, IT'S JUST LIKE THEY SAY--
--YOU ARE THE HERO OF OZ!
THANKS, KID. LOVE THE MO-HAWK.
- she's here- life rearranges-
LOOKS LIKE MY WORK HERE'S DONE...
- winged angel from above-
THANK YOU, DINGO! WE LOVE YOU!
MAMA, DO ALL DINGOES FLY?
- she is just the will- the will to love-

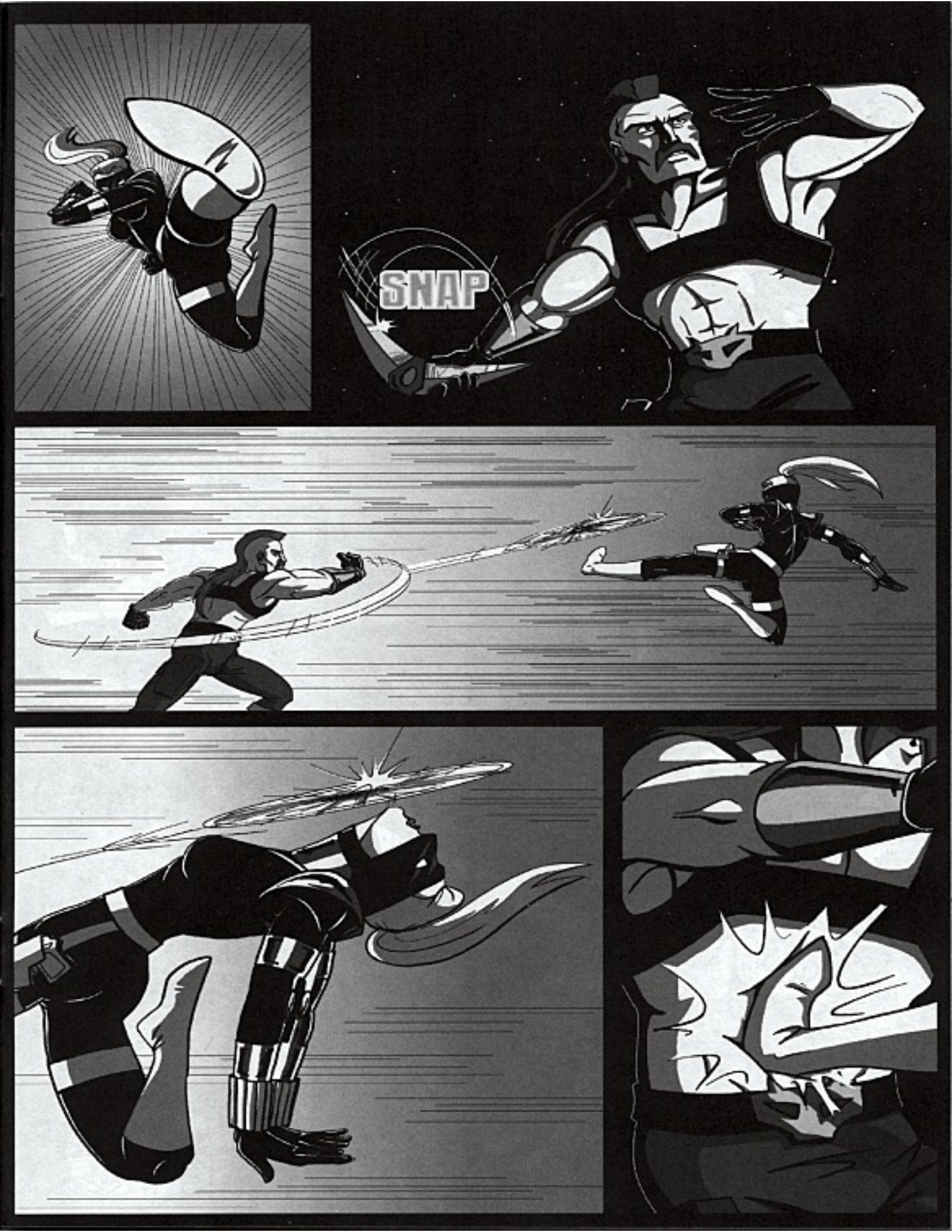

HOW DID IT GO?
WE DID WELL.
AH, BUT DID YOU DO GOOD, DOG?
WE UPHELD LAW AND ORDER.
YEAH. FOLKS THINK I'M A HERO AGAIN.
DIDN'T APPRECIATE IT LAST TIME--
"--PROBABLY CUZ IT WASN'T TRUE."
"WHEN I WAS A STAR WITH THE PACK, WE PLAYED AT BEING HEROES..."
".. BUT WE WERE REALLY JUST WELL-PAID, WELL-EQUIPPED THUGS!"
"AND MATRIX HERE WAS JUST A SCIENCE EXPERIMENT GONE WRONG!"

I DO NOT CONCUR. I SUCCEEDED IN CREATING ORDER FROM CHAOS.
NOW, I PURSUE LAW AND ORDER WITH EQUAL SUCCESS.
YEAH, SPEAKING OF SUCCESS...
.. HOW COME I SUCCESS-FULLY FELT PAIN WHEN THE BAD GUY CLAWED THROUGH YOU?
FOR YOU TO CONTROL MY FORM AS ARMOR, I MUST LINK DIRECTLY TO YOUR NERVOUS SYSTEM...
WHAT?!
.. WHICH INTERPRETED DAMAGE AS PAIN.
BUT... HOW...?
BY INSERTING PART OF MY MATRIX INTO YOUR SPINE.
HOLD ON, PARTNER. I NEVER SIGNED ON FOR THAT!
HOW ELSE IS THE LINK POSSIBLE?
DON'T KNOW. DON'T CARE. WE'LL HAVE NO MORE INSERTING! CLEAR?
YOUR DECISION INHIBITS OUR PURSUIT OF LAW AND ORDER.
BETTER FOR BOTH OF US. I HEARD YOU SCREAMING TOO.
THE LINK IS A TWO-WAY CONNECTION. BUT THE PAIN WAS INSTRUCTIVE.
PAIN OFTEN IS.
THEN PREPARE FOR AN EDUCATION.

HARRY MONMOUTH, A.K.A. DINGO, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.
BOUNTY HUNTER?
JUST A HUNTER.
WELL, YOUR INFO'S OUTTA DATE, HUNTER...
.. I'M ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS NOW.
NOT IN NEW YORK.

YOU VIOLATED THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES--
DINGO VIOLATED LAW AND ORDER?
--AND THERE'S A PRISON CELL WAITING.
SURRENDER FOR EXTRADITION.
SORRY, NO. MATRIX, SADDLE UP!
YOU WERE EXPLICIT. WE MUST NOT LINK.
REALLY NOT THE TIME FOR I TOLD YOU SOS...
GUESS YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, HARRY...


BANG


SNAP

HE CAN'T FIGHT FOR LAW AND ORDER FROM AN AMERICAN PRISON.
SOUND LOGIC.
NOW YOU'RE IN FOR IT, HUNTER!
HOLD THAT THOUGHT.
WHAT THE-- I CAN'T MOVE!! MATRIX!!
SHORT-RANGE E.M. PULSE GRENADE.
YOUR PARTNER'S IN THE PENALTY BOX FOR THE NEXT FEW MINUTES..

.. WHICH GIVES US TIME TO TALK.
WAY I SEE IT, YOU HAVE TWO CHOICES...
.. SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR FREE-DOM--
--OR JOIN MY TEAM.
SO THAT'S IT! LOOK I'VE GONE THE SUPER-VILLAIN ROUTE--
WHO HASN'T?
BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. I'M OFFERING YOU A CHANCE AT REDEMPTION...
.. A CHANCE TO FIGHT ON THE SIDE OF ANGELS.
THAT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING! WHY WOULD WE HOOK UP WITH A COMPLETE STRANGER?
BEEP

BECAUSE I HAVE RESOURCES. CONNECTIONS.
BECAUSE TOGETHER WE CAN SAVE A LOT OF LIVES.
OR BECAUSE THE ALTERNATIVE IS PRISON FOR YOU...
AND PERMANENT E.M. DISSOLUTION FOR SHINY FRIEND.
SIDE OF THE ANGELS? YOU'RE BLACKMAILING ME TO DO YOUR DIRTY WORK!
NO, I'M BLACKMAILING YOU INTO CLEANING UP YOUR ACT.
I THINK YOU SHOULD GIVE IT A SHOT.
I CONCUR.
WHAT?! WAIT!!
THE PULSE GRENADE'S WORN OFF!
WAS THE HELICOPTER TOO BIG A TIP-OFF?

WE ACCEPT YOUR OFFER TO PURSUE LAW AND ORDER.
WE DO?!
WE DO.
<SIGH> FINE.
WHERE TO?
TOKYO, TO HUNT A TENGU.
SOUNDS EASY. WHAT'S A TENGU?
ALL RIGHT, DON'T TELL ME!
WHAT'S THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN?
REDEMPTION
TO BE CONTINUED...

Wanted, Posters!

Welcome to the first issue of *Gargoyles: Bad Guys*, i.e. the first of what we hope will be many *Gargoyles* Universe spin-off mini-series. I'd like to thank artist Karine Charlebois, letterer David Hedgecock, cover artist Greg Guler, cover colorist Stephanie Lostimolo and the good folks at SLG for aiding and abetting my monomaniacal dreams! Between *Gargoyles* and *Bad Guys*, the *Gargoyles* Universe is FINALLY MONTHLY!!

We'd love to get your comments. Stop by *Ask Greg* (www.s8.org/gargoyles/askgreg), where I answer questions about *Gargoyles, Bad Guys* and about the industry, including my current gig as Supervising Producer of the new animated series *The Spectacular Spider-Man*, premiering in March 2008. You can post comments and questions about this issue as well — and maybe see them reprinted right here at *Wanted, Posters!*

Now to business:

- The next *Gathering of the Gargoyles*, our annual convention, will be in Chicago, June 27-30, 2008. Guests include myself and Keith David (the voice of "Goliath"). Check out www.gatheringofthegargoyles.com and start planning now!
- *Gargoyles, Season One* and *Gargoyles, Season Two, Volume One* are both currently available on DVD. Due to so-so sales, Buena Vista Home Entertainment (i.e. Disney) has not yet scheduled *Season Two, Volume Two*. (There are links to purchase both DVD sets from Amazon at *Ask Greg*, and note: I don't make a cent off 'em.) Whether you've bought them yet or not, please help us SPREAD THE WORD!
- Keep your eye out for the December release of our first *Gargoyles* trade paperback, collecting the first half of the "Clan-Building" saga, i.e. issues #1-6 of *Gargoyles*. For further updates, alerts and alarms, check out *Ask Greg*, www.CreatureComics.com or www.slgcomic.com.

Next issue: The Japanese gargoyle Yama is banished from Clan Ishimura until such time as his lost honor can be restored. Truly alone for the first time in his long life, he becomes a target of the Hunter and her new teammates, Dingo & Matrix. Yama is offered no mercy — and a job! "REDEMPTION, Chapter 2: The Lost" is by myself and Karine Charlebois, with a cool Yama cover by Guler and new colorist (and longtime fan) Robby Bevard.

BUT FIRST... What's a gargoyle to do when Xanatos is on the job for the Illuminati; Coldsteel's in town; Thailog's breaking in new assistants, and Macbeth needs a favor? Well, what else can you do except... ROAD TRIP!!!! As Goliath and Elisa attempt to repair their relationship, the rest of the clan contemplates a change of scene. But how far should they go to save a slab of stone? And why is Fox buying new shoes? Find out in "CLAN-BUILDING, Chapter 7: The Rock" written by yours truly, with pencils by Hedgecock, colors by Bevard and a cover by Guler and Bevard!

Keep out of trouble,
Greg Weisman
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